

Making a Difference

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Making a difference happens when we lose the lie we've been telling ourselves about our limitations, and then catalyzing that growth in others.

- Douglas J Davies MD

Using our gifts as physicians to provide comfort and care to all patients regardless of their ethnicity, social status, or ability to pay.

- Adam Bright MD

Really what it is ALL about.

- Diane Wilkinson MD

Preparing others to carry on, once I am gone.

- Elena Reyes PhD

Often confused with a self-centered sort of demand that one's value be noted and appreciated. Some who make the greatest difference in other's lives are the least noted, and frequently least appreciated. Think of parents. Or think of what happens every time the garbage collectors go on strike in a big city. The effort should be to serve, and perhaps, years from now, you will be given the grace of knowing that a difference for the better was made.

- Lisa Jernigan MD

Why I am here at FSU COM.

- Karen Meyers ARNP

Restoring a child to health.

- Jimmy E Jones MD MPA FACS

Seeing a new person in need at the Neighborhood Health Services Center in Lincoln Center on Brevard Street in Tallahassee, Florida.

- John Agens MD

Seeing the light bulb go off when someone suddenly understands how to help their own health.

- Bonita Sorenson

A life changing experience.

- Tara L Gonzales MD

The only thing that really matters. It is an honor to have the opportunity to make a difference in our practice of medicine. It is what motivates the novice and the experienced healer to share their art with patients day after day.

- Paul McLeod MD

Inspiring others to make a difference.

- Jeff Thill MD

Giving hope to those without hope.

- Dr S Winters

Helping people to make appropriate choices, and making sure my own house is in order first by being the best dad and spouse I can be.

- Curtis Stine MD

Giving selflessly to those in need.

- Rene Loyola MD

Spending a few extra minutes with a patient to listen to their story. The dialogue may be unnecessary for their care, but it is huge in building trust and rapport with patients.

- Deanna Springer MD

Becoming a whole person and sharing that with my patients and their families. It is realizing, as Abraham Heschl expressed so well, that "in order to heal a person you must first be a person."

- Amaryllis Sánchez Wohlever MD

Simultaneously thinking about the patient, "What exactly is the problem?" and feeling in your heart, "What must it be like to be going through that?"

- Kenneth Brummel-Smith MD

For me, as a physician, to be able to impact healthcare more than one patient at a time. I am challenged by how to better deliver effective care to frail elders. I chose a medical career because of needs I saw in nursing homes, but my patients want to stay home. How our communities more effectively support these patients and their caregivers through home and community-based long term care is where I'd like to help make a difference.

- Donna Jacobi MD

Is treating each of your patients with the attention and care you would want to receive for yourself or your family.

- Dr Barbara Srur

Providing every child the opportunity to grow and succeed in life.

- Gerardo Lopez MD

When a patient tries to thank you, but rather starts to quiver and cannot form the words. But I can read the words through the tears in their smiling eyes.

David Billmeier MD

Enabling the development of thought patterns that birth a change in action and enhance the creativity of solutions to a challenge.

- Dr Hansen

Is touching someone's heart, not just their mind.

- Chris Leadem PhD

Standing up for an ideal and striking out against injustice.

- Jerry Williamson MD

Making a difference is the ultimate contribution to mankind.

Making a difference is what it's all about.

Making a difference makes life worth living.

Making a difference can impact countless numbers of people.

Making a difference can lead to positive change.

- Michael S Oleksy MD

Is the legacy we leave.

- Anita Westafer MD

Acting as a change element, not just allowing something to continue as is. It is the decision to work for a change, to help someone with our talents. Some folks say, "That's not right," but don't act to change the wrong. Making a difference can be listening to someone and sharing thoughts because you have been in that exact situation. Making a difference leaves behind a legacy of positive actions. Making a difference is when you know down deep you did the right stuff and you got a smile from a patient.

- Joy Barbee BSN

Working at a community health center and creating a medical home for my patients is a big priority in my life. I enjoy reminding the moody teenager on the exam table that I once pulled a Lego soldier out of his ear! I have to remind the worried mother about how we got through the last fever that took 5 days to clear and that we will get through this. I feel sad when I see one of my adolescent girls across the hallway visiting with the obstetrician because she "promised" not to miss one birth control pill. On the other hand, I feel happy when she brings that baby to me because there is trust and loyalty. Being a pediatrician is an honor and a gift. It is being a mother to thousands of children with all the ups and downs being a parent entails. Life is good.

- Dr Anabella Torres

Is reaching towards infinity by teaching students who will teach their patients and other students who will teach . . .

- Daniel J Van Durme MD FAAFP

Comes through living a productive and meaningful life.

- Robert Watson MD

Making a difference does not come just from doing your job well. It comes from extraordinary effort to care for others and to care about them. So at the end of the day, you can reflect "a small part of the world is a better place because of how I gave of myself."

- Alan Forbes MD PhD

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